

American Dentist Conducts Multi-Cultural Training to Olympic Dentists

40 Chinese dentists receive multi-cultural training and communications for the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

July 3, 2008 - [PRLog](#) -- David Lee, DDS, the first American to be licensed to practice dentistry in China, is instructing 40 Chinese dentists in multi-cultural training and communications for the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

Dr Lee, a graduate of the University of Maryland Dental School, is training the top Chinese dentists who have volunteered to work in the dental clinic inside the Olympics village. The high tech six-unit clinic has all new equipment including digital X-ray machines. In August, more than 20,000 athletes, coaches, trainers and other official representatives from over 150 countries will live in the Village during the Olympics and Paralympics and can receive free dental care.

“We want to offer first class VIP service for these top athletes and their coaches,” said Dr. Lee, who opened the first Western dental clinic in Beijing in 1999, after having a practice in the United States for more than 15 years. “The dentists are considered the top clinicians in the country but they do not have experience treating an athlete from Africa, for example, who knows no Chinese or English.”

Besides language and cultural differences, dentists must deal with high-pressure situations and understand they have probably never had such unique patients. “So many variables have to be factored in after making a diagnosis and before doing the treatment,” he added. “If an athlete needs a tooth pulled, what is his schedule? Is he competing the next day for a Gold Medal?” Volunteer doctors and nurses will be assisting in the clinic with scheduling and reception.

The dental clinics at the 2004 games in Athens, Greece and 2000 games in Sydney, Australia, both treated over 2,000 clients, according to statistics from the International Olympic Committee. Dental work was second in popularity only to the massage treatments.

Complicated procedures, such as crowns and dentures, will not be done during the Games. Mouth guards are made free for all athletes.

This is the first such training for these dentists. Dr. Lee is used to firsts. He also founded the first International dental study club of Beijing and the International Congress of Oral Implantology (ICOI) China chapter. Besides practicing in Beijing, where he treated diplomats from all over the world, he lectures and teaches throughout China top Universities and in remote villages. He has hosted many professors from the dental schools of New York University, Columbia University, University of Michigan, University of Southern California, and UCLA, as well as mission teams and professors from Loma Linda University.

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